
Browser Pop-Ups

The newest browsers being developed, whether by Microsoft, Netscape, or any number of Mozilla browsers that are out there, all tend to have one feature in common. That feature is the Pop-Up Blocker. We can all agree that the large number of pop-up ads that are so prevalent on the Internet has made blockers a necessity for spending any time at all on the Internet.

Pop-up blockers are a problem when a site has legitimate pop-ups as part of its operations, such the CM/ECF system. Pop-ups are used to show case party information and to display and pay all fees incurred on the system. To resolve this problem, you will need to set the ECF website as an accepted site with your browser (<https://ecf.utb.uscourts.gov>).

Included here are the four main browsers currently available on the Internet: Internet Explorer 6.0 (standard with the latest versions of Windows and updated regularly); Netscape 7.2 and 8.0 (both available at <http://www.netscape.com>); and Firefox (available at <http://www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/>). If you are using a browser other than these four, you will need to look at the Help files that comes with your browser to see how to make the adjustments necessary to get the pop-ups needed to use the ECF system.

At a minimum, you must be able to get the fee window pop-up to pay your fees online. If you do not pay your fees, you will be locked out of the ECF system until you pay your fees.

It is highly recommended that if you are using Netscape (Navigator) 4.6/4.7/4.8, which you were encouraged to over the past years, that you upgrade to one of the above mentioned above, preferably Netscape 7.2 or 8.0. Version 4.x is no longer supported by Pay.gov, the Internet payment portal used by the federal government. It has been developed for use with IE 6.0, but the latest versions of Netscape should work.

Netscape 8.0 Pop-up Blocker

When Netscape 8.0 encounters an unacceptable pop-up (you have not accepted the site), you will get a light yellow bar at the top of the website's page, informing you that "Netscape prevented this site from opening a popup window" (figure 1). There are two ways to unblock pop-ups to a site:

1. Click on the browser pop-up blocker button indicated in figure 2. This will bring up the warning window shown in figure 3. Click OK to allow pop-ups on this currently displayed site. The pop-up button works as a toggle — click it once to accept pop-ups, click it again to block pop-ups.
2. Click on the colored shield on the site's tab within the browser (figure 4). Then click on the Advanced tab. Place a checkmark in the box Allow unrequested pop-up windows. If you want the pop-up to come in a tabbed browser window instead of a pop-up, place a checkmark in the box Open requested pop-ups in new tab. Click on Done.

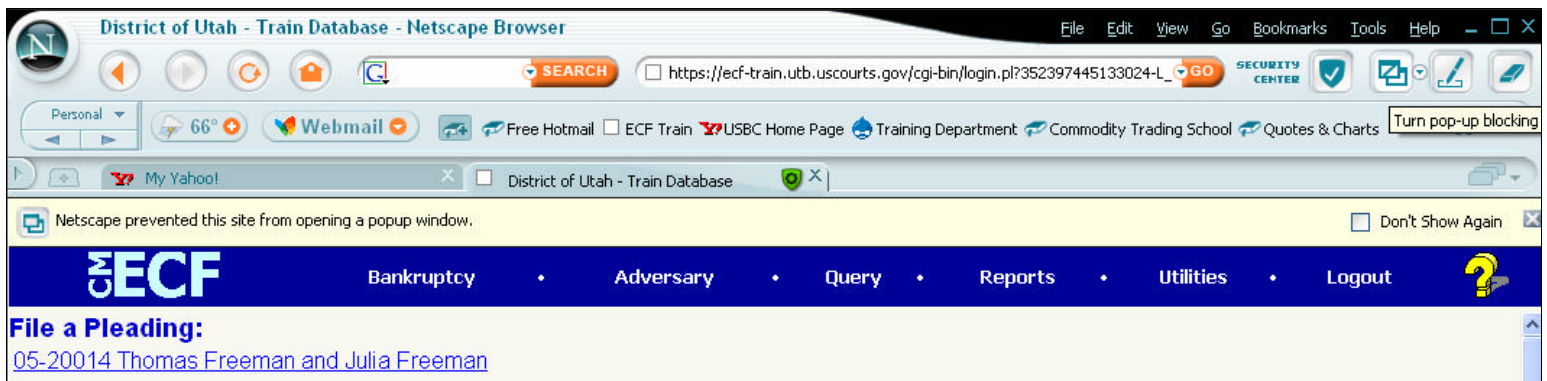


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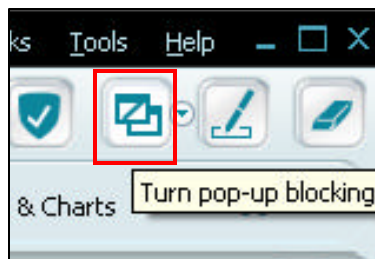


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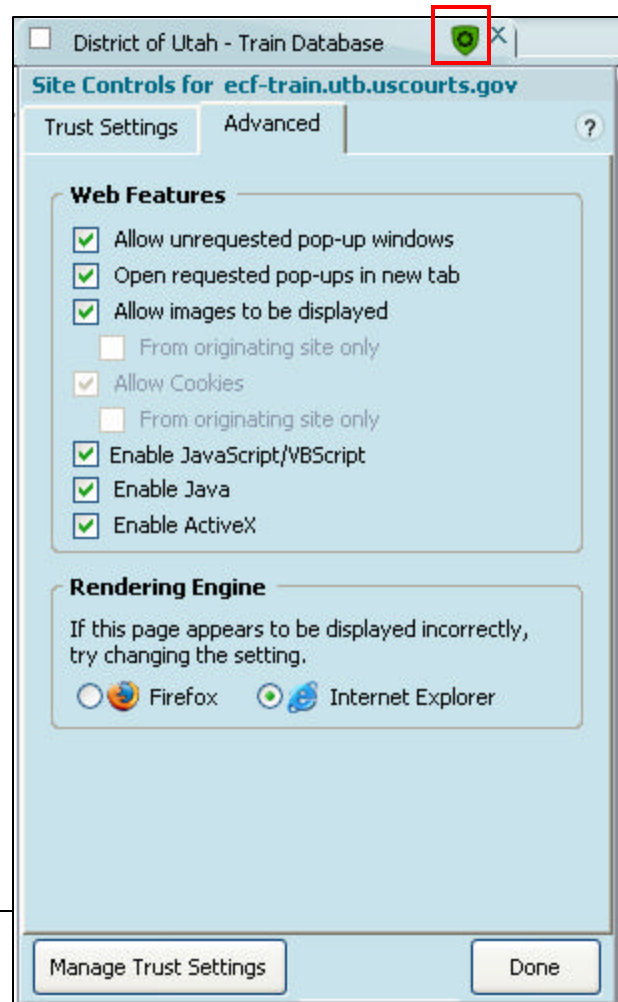


Figure 3



Internet Explorer 6.0 Pop-up Blocker (XP SP2)

When IE 6.0 encounters an unacceptable popup (you have not accepted the site), you will get a light yellow bar at the top of the website's page, informing you that "Pop-up blocked. To see this pop-up or additional options click here..." (figure 1). When you click on the bar, you will get the context menu shown in figure 2. By clicking on "Always Allow Pop-ups from This Site..." you will get the confirmation window shown in figure 3. Click on Yes to allow the site's pop-ups.

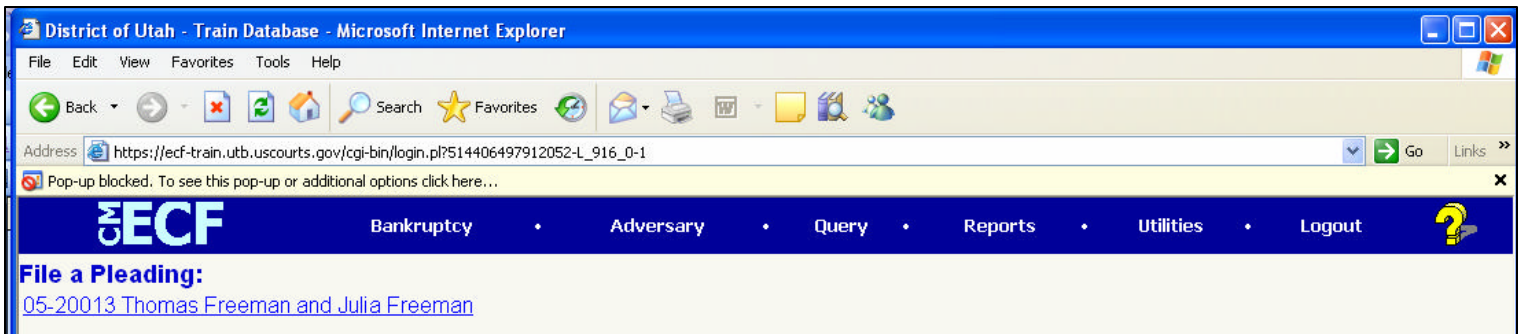


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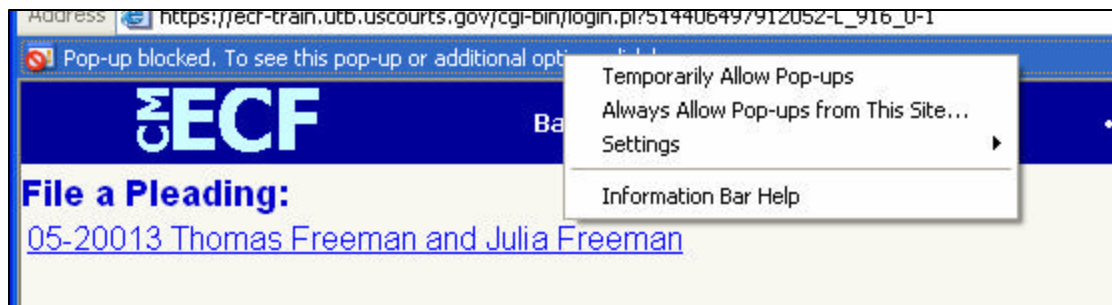


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Netscape 7.2 Pop-up Blocker

The pop-up blocker for Netscape 7.2 is very subtle. You will most likely not notice that the pop-up was blocked. The only indication that the pop-up was blocked is the little exclamation point in front of the “flash” in the bottom right-hand corner of the browser (figure 1).

Clicking on the “indicator” will bring up the Allowed Web Sites window shown in figure 2. Click on the Add button at the top of the window to add the site to the list of accepted sites. Then click on OK.

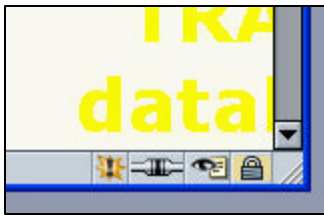


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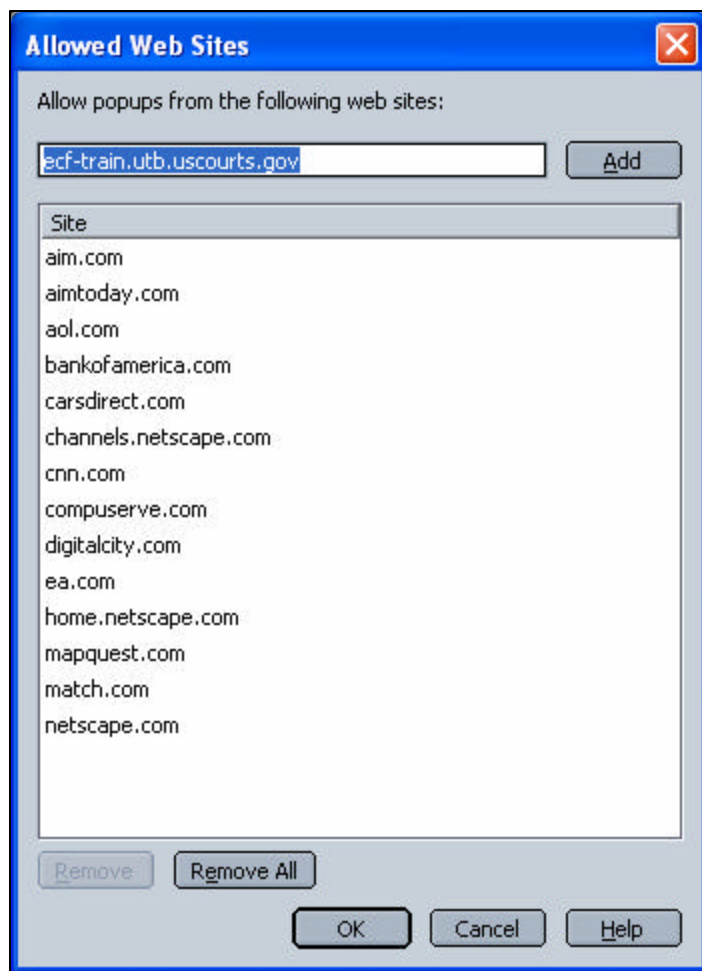


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Firefox 1.0.6 Pop-up Blocker

Firefox's pop-up blocker works a lot like IE 6.0. You will get the light, yellow bar at the top of the web site's window indicating that "Firefox prevented this site from opening a popup window. Click here for options..." (figure 1). Clicking the yellow bar will present the context menu shown in figure 2.

Clicking on "Allow popups for..." the named site will allow that site to present pop-ups. No other screen or indicator confirms the change.



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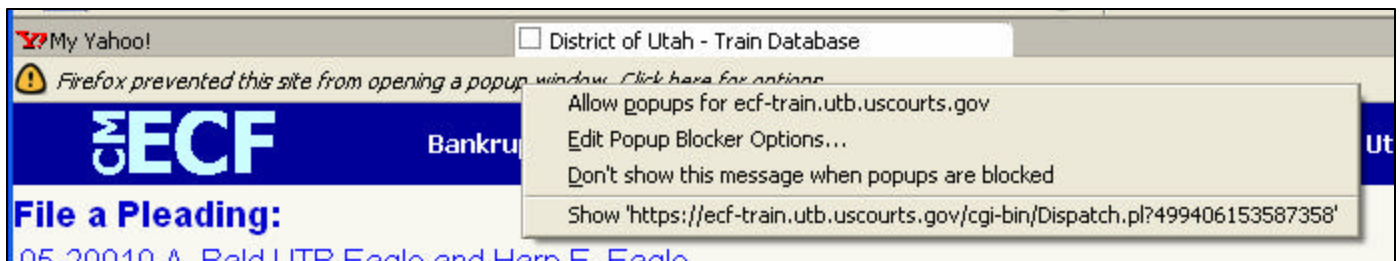


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